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ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Of

PRINCIPAL CROPS

By States

With Comparisons

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Production in 1955 of the 11 principal vegetables for processing was 4 percent greater than in 1954 and was also about 4 percent above average. The estimated 6.14 million tons of these crops harvested in 1955 came from an acreage which was 2 percent less than that of 1954, 7 percent below average and the smallest harvested since 1950. Average yields for these crops as a group continued their upward trend in 1955.

Crops contributing to the expansion of this year's output of these vegetables include asparagus, cucumbers, green peas, pimientos, spinach and tomatoes. The record large crop of asparagus for processing harvested in 1955 exceeded the previous year's production by one-fourth. The production of cucumbers for pickles continues at a high level with 1955 tonnage about two percent above 1954 and 25 percent more than average. Green pea production this year was up 13 percent from 1954 but only slightly above average. Pimiento production in 1955 was 55 percent above that of 1954 and the third largest of record as a result of favorable growing conditions in areas producing this crop. Spinach production is up about one-third over 1954 and is the largest since 1951. This year's processing tomato crop is 20 percent larger than that of 1954 but is only moderately larger than average.

Production of the other 5 crops in this report declined in 1955. Green lima bean production was 15 percent less than in 1954 because of a reduction in acreage and lower yields. Snap bean acreage was cut back and production dropped 9 percent in 1955. Although there was an increase in beet acreage, production declined 5 percent because of low yields in 1955. Utilization of cabbage for sauerkraut dropped to the lowest point since 1947. Relatively light cabbage production in 1955, resulting from a reduced acreage and lower yields was responsible for the smaller kraut pack this year. Sweet corn production was 22 percent less than in 1954, reflecting both lower acreage and yields.

California again leads all other States in the production of vegetables for processing and in 1955 accounted for 36 percent of the Nation's output of the 11 crops included in this report. Tomatoes account for the bulk of California's processed vegetable production. Wisconsin, second most important producer of the 11 processing vegetables, harvested about 8 percent of the U. S. tonnage in 1955. Minnesota, New York, Illinois, and Indiana are the next ranking States in that order, each accounting for 5 percent or more of 1955 production.

The Crop Reporting Board has prepared this report of acreage, production, and value of the eleven principal vegetables for processing from basic data obtained from commercial processors, State agricultural statisticians, and co-operating agencies.

PIMIENTOS, Commercial crop for processing: Acreage, yield, production, season average price received by growers, and value, average, 1944-53, annual 1954 and 1955

STATE	HARVESTED ACREAGE		YIELD PER ACRE		PRODUCTION			PRICE PER TON ^{1/}			VALUE			
	:10-year:		:10-year:		:10-year:			:10-year:			:10-year:			
	average: 1954	1955	average: 1954	1955	average: 1954	1955	average: 1954	1955	average: 1954	1955	average: 1954	1955		
	:1944-53:	:	:1944-53:	:	:1944-53:	:	:1944-53:	:	:1944-53:	:	:1944-53:	:	:1944-53:	:
	Acres	:	Tons (2,000 lb.)	:	Tons (2,000 lb.)	:	Dollars	:	1,000 dollars	:	:	:	:	:
Georgia.....	16,540:19,500:16,000:	:	1.12: .70: 1.37:	:	18,600: 13,650: 21,920:	:	70.00: 90.00: 90.00:	:	1,331: 1,228: 1,973	:	:	:	:	:
Other States ^{2/} .. _{3/}	920:11,800:10,500: _{3/}	:	1.40: .72: 1.20: _{3/}	:	1,420: 8,500: 12,550: _{3/}	:	88.60: 87.80: 87.60: _{3/}	:	133: 746: 1,099	:	:	:	:	:
TOTALS	: 17,460:31,300:26,500:	:	1.17: .71: 1.30:	:	20,020: 22,150: 34,470:	:	69.90: 89.10: 89.10:	:	1,464: 1,974: 3,072	:	:	:	:	:

^{1/} Season average price received by growers. The season falls in the calendar year.

^{2/} Includes Tennessee and acreage contracted by Georgia processors in Alabama, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina.

^{3/} 2-year average--1952-53. Estimates not available prior to 1952.

